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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR KS KN UN
SUBJ: KOREA IN 28 TH GA: DPRK REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

REF: SEOUL 3772

1. SUMMARY. WE AGREE WITH AMB HABIB'S PROPOSAL TO DELAY PUBLIC ACTION ON DPRK VISA REQUEST UNTIL AFTER JUNE 23 BUT WE ARE INCLINED AT THIS POINT AGAINST TAKING SYG INTO OUR CONFIDENCE. END SUMMARY.
2. WE SEE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IN HANDLING THE VISA REQUEST AS PROPOSED REFTEL. WE HAVE NOT YET REPLIED TO SECRETARIAT INQUIRY ABOUT VISAS (USUN 2033). HOPEFULLY, SYG WOULD NOT RESPOND PUBLICLY TO DPRK REQUEST WITHOUT ASKING US AGAIN. IF HE ASKS US AGAIN BEFORE RECEIVING A DPRK REQUEST, OF IF HE ASKS US FOLLOWING RECEIPT, WE CAN RESPOND THAT WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING TO WASHINGTON, WILL DO SO AGAIN AND THAT WE KNOW MATTER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THIS SHOULD TIDE US OVER UNTIL JUNE 23, BARRING UNEXPECTED SYG REACTION TO DPRK REQUEST AND BARRING EXCESSIVE PRESS CRITICISM OF OUR DELAY.
3. ADVISABILITY OF TAKING SYG INTO OUR CONFIDENCE WILL DEPEND IN PART ON SYG'S INITIAL REACTION TO DPRK REQUEST
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AND ON TYPE OF PRESSURE EXERTED ON SYG BE DPRK'S FRIENDS. ARGUING FOR TAKING HIM INTO CONFIDENCE IS FACT THAT SYG WOULD APPRECIATE COURTESY THUS SHOWN. ARGUING AGAINST, HOWEVER, IS POSSIBILITY THAT HE WOULD FEEL COMPROMISED

BY BEING PRIVY TO AND HAVING HIS HANDS TIED BY KNOWLEDGE
OF TACTICS EMPLOYED BY ONE UN FACTION AGAINST ANOTHER.
HE MIGHT FEEL PLACED THEREBY IN PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT
POSITION IN TRYING TO HANDLE PRESSURES FROM USSR AND OTHERS.
WE ARE THUS INCLINED AT THIS POINT AGAINST DOING SO.

4. IN EVENT WE WISH TO RECONSIDER MATTER OF TAKING SYG
INTO CONFIDENCE, DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON BOTH TIMING OF
DPRK REQUEST TO SYG AND SYG'S INITIAL REACTION TO REQUEST,
ESPECIALLY NATURE OF HIS APPROACH TO US. IF WE THEN DECIDE
TAKING HIM INTO CONFIDENCE IS ADVISABLE, WE ASSUME THAT WE
WOULD CONSULT WITH ROK BEFORE DOING SO.
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